you have sanctioned serials on commission basis. I would like to know as to who got the commission i.e. who is the beneficiary...*(Interruptions)* Who is giving commission...*(Interruptions)* The hon'ble Minister has not given reply with regard to commission.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : It is not allowed.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Smt. Sushma, we have already gone to the next question. Do not break the rule, please. That question has already been answered.

Supply of Labourers to International Market

*404. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Israel Government have expressed interest to get labourers from India particularly for its construction industry;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to send our skilled/semi-skilled workers to Israel and other countries like South Korea;

(c) the present policy of the Government in this regard and existing network for channelising the labour supply to the international market;

(d) total number of registered remitting agencies and number of persons sent abroad through them during each of the last three years and perception of such demand of trades/skills in international market; and

(e) the number of details of cases wherein the agencies have indulged in various exploitary practices alongwith the details of such agencies and the action taken thereon during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Israeli Government has indicated such interest in recent bilateral discussion. It is expected that movement of manpower would be channelised mostly through Private Sector on both sides. However, the two Governments may in due course devise procedures as required to facilitate this in accordance with their respective laws and regulations. The deployment of Indian workers to South Korea would depend on allotment of reasonable quota from the Korea Federation of Small Business, South Korea.

2. Recruitment and deployment of Indian workers for overseas employment is regulated under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983 and the rules framed thereunder. Opportunities for supply of Indian workers for overseas employment are found out by the Recruiting Agents registered with this Ministry under the Act or by the Project Exporters for execution of the project Exporters for execution of the projects undertaken by them.

3. 2813 Recruiting Agents have been registered upto 15.12.96. During the years 1993, 1994 and 1995, 4.38 lakh, 4.25 lakh and 4.15 lakh workers respectively sought clearance from the Offices of the Protectors of Emigrants for overseas employment.

4. During the last three years, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, 187 complaints were received against the Recruiting Agents for voilation of different provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. Complaints were enquired into with the help of Police authorities and the concerned Indian Missions abroad and action as appropriate has been taken in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder. Registration Certificates of the following Recruiting Agents were suspended/cancelled during the last three years for voilation of terms of Registration Certificates :

S.No	Name of Recruiting Agent
1.	M/s. Expo India, Mumbai.
2.	M/s. R.K. Enterprises, Mumbai.
3.	M/s. Allwyn Travels, Mumbai.
4.	M/s. Business Aids, Mumbai.
5.	M/s. Sultan Travel and Recruiting Agent, Mumbai.
6.	M/s. S.K. Enterprises, Mumbai.
7.	M/s. Jasper International, Mumbai.
8.	M/s. Samreen Travel, Mumai.
9.	M/s. Pasha Enterprises, Mumbai.
10.	M/s. Al-Samit International, Mumbai.
11.	M/s. Al-Karim Overseas Cons. Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.
12.	M/s. Reliance Staffing Services, Mumbai.
13.	M/s. R.K. Enterprises, Delhi.
14.	M/s. A.J. International, Delhi.
15.	M/s. Pride Travels, Moga.
16.	M/s. Hans Agencies, Jalandhar.
17.	M/s. Al-Rahman Associates, Delhi.
18.	M/s. Shambros, Delhi.
19	M/s. Allied Enterprises, Cochin.
20.	M/s. Athena Travels, Cochin.
21.	M/s. K.V. Exports, Kollam.
22.	M/s. Palakkal Associates, Cochin.

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am rather satisfied with the answer given in the statement by the Ministry but not fully. My question is about the recruitment of the Indian workers abroad. Being a former Labour Minister, Sir, you know very well about the Indian workers. You have also an important role in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER : What is your question?

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : I am putting my question. Let me formulate my question. The Indian workers, who are going abroad, are earning much more in order to invest in India. On the contrary, the Indian Government has nothing to spare on their education whereas it spends much more on the education of the intellectuals in India just like doctors, engineers and scientists who go abroad and settle there. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India has any special incentive scheme for the Indian workers who go abroad, earn much more and in turn send the money back to India. This is my first question.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : I will try to satisfy the Member. As you know, our Government is helping to establish educational institutions abroad where our Indian workers are working. These are meant for the welfare of the children of the workers. Apart from that, wherever there is any problem arising from the workers, we will take it up with the Embassy and through the Embassy we will take it up with the other Government.

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Sir, I want to know from the Minister whether he has taken a fresh initiative to send much more workers abroad.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, it is an on-going exercise. We are simplifying the procedure then and there.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, part (4) of the answer says: "During the last three years, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, 187 complaints were received against the Recruiting Agents for violation of different provisions of the Emigration Act." A lot of cheating is going on in recruiting or employing the workers in foreign countries. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India has a proposal to constitute an Overseas Employment Development Corporation so as to recruit the workers abroad. That is part one of my question.

In the second part of my question, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is a ban in the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia in issuing visas. A particular set of people are being denied the visa. During the time of the former Prime Minister, the late Shrimati Indira Gandhi, such a move was there and the Government of India had interfered into the matter. The problem had then been solved by providing a ratio of 60:40. I would like the hon. Minister to answer these two parts of my question.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, as you know, the setting up of a Central Manpower Promotion Council has been under consideration of the Government for the past three years. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the State Labour Secretaries on 26.10.1996. In the meeting, it was recommended that such a Council may be set up and that the composition etc. of the Council would be decided in consultation with the other concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Coming to the second part of the question, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is insisting on a particular section of people to be recruited. This matter had been taken up with that Government earlier also. So, this has been taken up with that Government.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, I thank the hon. Minister for his answer to the last part of the question that in recruitment, there will not be any discrimination against any community. He has already given a list of agents who have been blacklisted. There are agents who recruit workers, collect a lot of money from them and do not send the workers and do not even refund the money. In my constituency and in the State of Kerala, there are thousands of such cases which have come to our notice. Neither did they send the workers abroad nor did they return the money. Likewise, after sending them, they do not give the salary which has been agreed upon in the contract. There are thousands of cases where after being sent, the workers got a much lower salary than what was agreed upon in the agreement. I find that these workers cannot change...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Prof. Kurien, you are going on narrating the things. You ask the question.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Therefore, Sir, I would like to know what action the Government will take in both these cases. Will they prosecute them and will they also take up the matter with the concerned Government so that whatever salary is agreed upon, is given to the workers?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, I have stated in the main answer also that whenever we received a complaint, we used to suspend or cancel the agency.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : That is not enough. That is what I am saying. It is cheating. It is a criminal offence. It is not enough only to cancel the agency.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, let me answer the question. When an employer who is employing the workers in his country is doing any mischief, our Embassy is taking up the issue with the Government concerned and then they are taking action as per their law. Recently, when I was in the UAE, I had taken up certain issues with the Labour Minister of the UAE Government. He had assured me that action would be taken according to their law.